

Remarks of Congressman Henry A. Waxman
Lambda Legal
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Thank you. I appreciate this recognition and those kind words.

It's especially good to be with you tonight because I feel like Lambda and I have been **an ongoing team** over the years.

I fought off right-wing amendments to carve people with HIV out of the protections of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

And Lambda filed litigation to enforce the ADA.

I put together the Ryan White legislation to provide health care services for people with HIV.

And Lambda sued to ensure that people with HIV got the care they need.

I helped guide the passage of the Affordable Care Act through the Congress.

And Lambda acted to assure that States and insurance companies provide equal and useful insurance to all people, including those with HIV, and to assure that medical providers treat LGBT people fairly.

We make a good team—you and I.

I always knew that I could rely on you, and I hope you knew that you could always rely on me.

But we have some **work left to do**.

For decades, I've sponsored employment non-discrimination legislation to protect the LGBT community.

But workplace equality is **still not** the law of the land.

The Supreme Court made Medicaid expansions optional.

And a lot of people with HIV and other chronic illnesses are still uninsured.

I'm retiring from the Congress now, but I'm **not** retiring from these issues.

You can still rely on me, and I look forward to continuing **our teamwork**.

Thank you.